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I am writing to ask that the Department of Energy recommend to President George Bush that the site at Yucca Mountain, Nevada be designated the national repository for high-level radioactive waste and spent fuel.

Many years of effort and a lot of money has been spent on siting a national disposal facility, and the Department has identified a suitable location. Storing high-level radioactive waste at one location is a better option than continuing to accumulate spent nuclear fuel at more than 70 sites throughout the nation.

The proposed Yucca Mt Anti-terrorism Bill should not be allowed to delay this process. The bill, being crafted by repository opponent Rep. Shelley Berkley (D-Nev.), would require that the federal government certify a Yucca Mountain repository would not be vulnerable to terrorist attacks before any decision is made on whether to recommend the site. It is clear that this potentially dangerous waste will be much safer when stored in a geological repository, as opposed to remaining in the many spent fuel pools around the country. Even the transportation of the waste is safer than the pools, which really do not provide significant physical protection.

The nuclear industry has been handling, storing and transporting spent nuclear fuel for years and the containers used for these purposes have been designed and built to specifications that can withstand extreme conditions. These containers have been put through exhaustive testing and have an outstanding record of safety and performance.

The National Academy of Sciences recently affirmed that the geologic disposal is the only scientifically and technically credible solution to the high-level radioactive waste storage issue. The scientific evidence concludes that Yucca Mountain meets or exceeds the criteria for this type of facility.

For these reasons, I urge the Department to recommend the Yucca Mountain site to the President.

Sincerely,

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